



State of Washington

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: RESTORATION AND MAINTENANCE OF HIGH FLOW BYPASS CHANNEL AT WDFW'S SNOW CREEK STATION FISH TRAPS

Description of Proposal:

WDFW has operated upstream/downstream fish trapping facilities at Snow Creek Station since 1977. The trapping facilities are an important part of the research, monitoring and evaluation, and restoration of salmon and steelhead in Snow Creek and the information collected here is used and applied to better manage wild population and fisheries in other areas.

During winter and spring 2010, approximately one-third (60 feet) of the high water bypass channel has scoured (eroded) due to head cutting of the downstream end of the channel during flood flows. If the channel is not repaired and stabilized, flood flows would continue to scour and head cut the channel. This would soon lead to Snow Creek migrating into the eroded channel and completely bypassing the upstream and downstream traps. Salmon and steelhead adults and smolts would make an 'end run' around the traps, rendering the trapping facilities ineffective.

This project is designed to prevent further erosion and head cutting of the high water bypass channel. In the eroded section of the high water bypass channel, the project will (1) construct rock cascades with a 50:50 combination of rep rap and quarry spalls, (2) fill voids between the rock cascades with soils, and (3) re-vegetate the project site with grasses and native riparian plantings

Proponent/Applicant:

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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: WDFW, Snow Creek Station, 283236 Highway 101, Port Townsend, WA 98368; Jefferson County; Section 25,26, Township 29 North, Range 2 West WM

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

WDFW has determined that this proposal will likely not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, state law¹ does not require an environmental impact statement (EIS). WDFW made this determination of nonsignificance (DNS) after we reviewed the environmental checklist and other information on file with us.

We issued this DNS according to state rules.² We will **not act on this proposal for 14 days** from the date we issued the DNS. Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this proposal or DNS. We must receive your comments within 14 days of the date of this letter. This means we must receive your comments by **October 12, 2010**

Method of Comment:

The following procedures shall govern the method to comment on agency SEPA proposals. Comments received through these procedures are part of the official SEPA record for this proposal.

You can submit your comments any one of the following ways:

- Email to SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov
- Online at the WDFW SEPA website comment link at: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/>
- Fax to (360) 902-2946;
- Mail to the address below.

Responsible Official: Teresa A. Eturaspe

Position/Title: SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, WDFW Regulatory Services Section

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After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this proposal on the WDFW SEPA website: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/> Once the status is posted as final, applicants and permittees may take action on the proposal. When a proposal is modified or withdrawn, notice will be given in accordance with state law.¹

If you have questions about this DNS or the details of the proposal, contact Teresa Eturaspe at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call her at (360) 902-2575.

DATE OF ISSUE: September 28, 2010 **SIGNATURE** 

Footnotes

1. RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c)
2. WAC 197-11-340(2).

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